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Applicants: Charles J. Winslow et al. Examiner: Julian W. Woo

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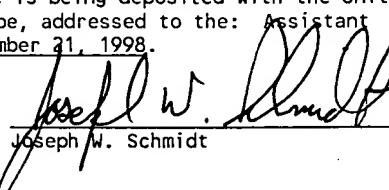
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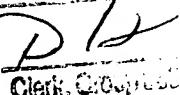
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